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SUBJ: JEWISH CLAIMS AGAINST THE GDR

REF: BERLIN 7152

1. BENJAMIN FERENCZ CALLED EMBASSY DECEMBER 1 FROM FRANKFURT TO REPORT THAT THE GDR ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE HAD DEPOSITED \$1 MILLION IN THE ACCOUNT OF THE CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS. THE MONEY, APPARENTLY SENT LAST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, WAS RECEIVED AT THE BANK NOVEMBER 30. FERENCZ REPORTED THAT THE CONFERENCE INTENDS TO SEND THE MONEY BACK WITH A LOW-KEY LETTER OF EXPLANATION. THE LETTER WILL STATE THAT THE CONFERENCE REGRETS THAT THE MATTER OF PUBLICATION OF THE OFFER BY THE GDR WAS NOT CLEARED IN ADVANCE WITH THE CONFERENCE, THAT THE CONFERENCE DOES NOT CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF NAZISM RESOLVED, THAT IT CAN BE RESOLVED ONLY THROUGH FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE MONEY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY OTHERS THAT THE CONFERENCE FELT THE MATTER WAS NOT CLOSED. THEREFORE IT IS BEING RETURNED.

2. FERENCZ WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN

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ANY REPERCUSSIONS TO THE GOLDMANN STATEMENTS, IN THE

GDR. WE REPLIED THAT THERE WERE NO PUBLIC REPERCUSSIONS AS FAR AS WE WERE AWARE AND THAT, IN RESPONSE TO HIS FURTHER QUESTION, THERE HAD BEEN NO CONTACT BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE GDR ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE.

3. FERENCZ SAID HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON DECEMBER 2 AND PLANNED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT.POLANSKY

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